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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN NEW YORK 03099

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: UN HANDLING OF VISAS AND PRIVILEGES  
AND IMMUNITIES FOR ITS PERSONNEL IN NAMIBIA

REF: (A) STATE 195524, (B) USUN 3097

1. AS DISCUSSED REF B, THE UN HAS OBTAINED FROM THE  
SOUTH AFRICANS A WAIVER OF VISAS AND A GRANT OF DIPLOMATIC  
PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FOR THE UN SURVEY MISSION TO  
NAMIBIA. ACCORDING TO UN LEGAL ADVISER SZASZ, THE LETTER  
SENT BY THE UN TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS IN THIS REGARD  
AUGUST 2 INDICATED THAT THE REQUEST OF VISA WAIVER AND  
GRANT OF DIPLOMATIC P AND I FOR THE SURVEY MISSION IS  
WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE TERMS OF THE STATUS OF FORCES  
AGREEMENT TO BE NEGOTIATED FOR UNTAG.

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2. SZASZ ANTICIPATES THAT NEGOTIATION OF STANDARD STATUS  
OF FORCES AGREEMENT WILL BE ONE OF THE TASKS OF THE SURVEY  
MISSION. THE UN DOES NOT PLAN AT THIS TIME TO PUBLICIZE  
THE FACT THAT IT HAS COMMUNICATED WITH THE SAG REGARDING  
VISAS AND P AND I FOR THE SURVEY MISSION AND HAS NOT YET  
DECIDED WHETHER STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT WILL BE BETWEEN

UN AND SAG. UN IS, OF COURSE, AWARE OF THE LEGAL AND POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES OF DEALING WITH THE SAG ON THESE ISSUES BUT ON THE OTHER HAND NEEDS ACCEPTANCE BY DE FACTO AUTHORITY OF LEGAL STATUS OF UNTAG AND ITS PERSONNEL. MISOFF NOTED IN PARTICULAR THAT PURSUANT TO THE FIVE'S PROPOSAL, THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL WOULD SEEM TO BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE PARTY WITH WHOM TO NEGOTIATE THE STANDARD STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT. SZASZ SAID THAT WAS DEFINITELY ONE OF THE OPTIONS VERY MUCH IN THE UN'S MIND. HE NOTED THAT ASPECTS OF THE STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT MAY INVOLVE MATTERS BEYOND THE AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL. HE SAID THAT FINAL DECISIONS ON THESE QUESTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL (READ AHTISAARI) AND IN ANY EVENT NOT UNTIL AFTER THE SURVEY MISSION HAS RETURNED TO NEW YORK. YOUNG

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